

Bacon

8-10 July 1994

We won the bid! Thanks to all our pre-supporting members and to everyone who turned up and voted for us. We therefore take the pleasure of introducing our guests of honour:

Simon Ings

Born in 1965, Simon Ings is a member of the youngest generation of British sf authors. He has a degree in English Literature and was a member of the Cassandra writer's workshop. He has written a great deal of short fiction, much of it in collaboration with Charles Stross or M John Harrison, and been published in *Interzone*, *Other Edens 3*, *Zenith 2*, in David Garnett's *New Worlds* anthologies and elsewhere. His first novel, *Hothead*, was published last year, its style a fusion of a cyberpunk-influenced future with the darker characterisation beloved of the British literati. In the pipeline are a philosophically-minded fantasy novel, *In the City of the Iron Fish*, a sequel to his first novel entitled *Hotwire* (the author describes it as a "nasty followup") and a film, *Rose Red, Violent Blue* in collaboration with film-maker Simon Pummell, which we hope to be able to screen at the convention.

Geoff Ryman

Geoff Ryman is one of the best science fiction authors alive today. He has written four highly-acclaimed novels, *The Warrior Who Carried Life*, *The Unconquered Country*, *The Child Garden*, and his latest, *Was.*, the latter a fictional examination of L Frank Baum's Oz books through the characters of a 'real' Dorothy and of unhappy film star Judy Garland. In addition to his writing talent, Ryman is an enthusiastic fan and attendee of sf conventions, whose his talks and readings are second to none, and who has scripted and directed a number of plays. It is a privilege to have him as a guest of honour.